



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5902

LCO No. 953

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM
MOTOR VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that no person
2 shall operate a motor vehicle upon any road if the surfaces of such
3 vehicle, including the hood, trunk, roof, doors, windows and cargo
4 bed, are not cleared of accumulated snow and ice; that a law
5 enforcement officer may stop a driver of a motor vehicle who violates
6 this section if such officer believes such accumulated snow or ice may
7 pose a threat to persons or property; that any person who violates this
8 section shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than
9 five hundred dollars for each offense; and that the following penalties
10 shall apply if snow and ice become dislodged and injure a person or
11 property: (1) For noncommercial motorists, a fine of not less than five
12 hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and (2) for
13 commercial motorists, a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty
14 dollars nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars; and that this
15 section shall not apply to (A) farming equipment, all-terrain vehicles or
16 emergency vehicles, (B) any person operating a motor vehicle during a

17 snow or ice storm that began and continued during the period of the
18 motor vehicle's operation, (C) any operator of a parked motor vehicle,
19 or (D) any operator of a motor vehicle who is a person with a
20 disability.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote public safety by creating penalties for operating a motor vehicle that has not been cleared of accumulated snow and ice.